

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An underground structure cover comprising a round cover body and a receiving frame designed so that said cover body is fitted in and supported by said receiving frame in ~~the~~ a manner such that an inclined surface formed at an  
5 outer circumference of said cover body meets an inclined surface formed at an inner circumference of said receiving frame, wherein:

the inclined surface of the outer circumference of said cover body and the inclined surface of the inner circumference of  
10 said receiving frame each include an upper inclined surface and a lower inclined surface,

in each of said cover body and said receiving frame, the lower inclined surface is steeper than the upper inclined surface, ~~and~~

15 said cover body is fitted in and supported by said receiving frame at the upper inclined surface and lower inclined surface thereof which meet the upper inclined surface and lower inclined surface of said receiving frame, respectively,

a gap is provided between said cover body and said receiving  
20 frame so that the outer circumference of said cover body and the inner circumference of said receiving frame do not touch each other in a region between the upper inclined surfaces and the

lower inclined surfaces when said cover body is fitted in and supported by said receiving frame,

25     the gap is defined by an intermediate inclined surface between the lower and upper inclined surfaces of said cover body and an intermediate inclined surface between the lower and upper inclined surfaces of said receiving frame,

30     the intermediate inclined surface of said receiving frame is a continuously curved surface which connects the upper and lower inclined surfaces of said receiving frame and includes a receiving-frame convex part projecting inside of said receiving frame and a receiving-frame concave part located above the receiving-frame convex part, and

35     the intermediate inclined surface of said cover body is a continuously curved surface which connects the upper and lower inclined surfaces of said cover body and includes a cover-body concave part corresponding to the receiving-frame convex part and a cover-body convex part corresponding to the receiving-frame  
40     concave part.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) The underground structure cover according to claim 1, wherein vertical angles of the lower inclined surfaces of said cover body and said receiving frame are

in ~~the~~ a range of  $3^{\circ}$  to  $10^{\circ}$ , and vertical angles of the upper inclined surfaces thereof are in ~~the~~ a range of  $7^{\circ}$  to  $20^{\circ}$ .

Claims 5 and 6 (Canceled).

7. (New) The underground structure cover according to claim 1, wherein said receiving frame has an outer flange formed at a bottom thereof.

8. (New) The underground structure cover according to claim 4, wherein said receiving frame has an outer flange formed at a bottom thereof.